

CHINOOK HOLDERS

\$3,800.00 Collected in Chinook, Washington.

FOR THE NEHALEM COMPANY

After a Demand that the Books Be Produced and a Statement of the Condition of the Company Be Made, They Are Dug Up.

The Chinook Observer publishes the statement of last week's Astorian relative to the Nehalem Coal Co. and some additional facts furnished by the stockholders of Chinook, through whose efforts the meeting was called. Among the items charged on the books of the company was \$1000 for W. J. Cook as traveling expenses and incidental expenses. The Observer says: Niels Futtrup, Jasper Prest, B. Soderlund, Charles R. Johnson, B. Berglund and Chris Olsen, stockholders in the company, went to Astoria to attend the meeting. At their suggestion and others in the minority a resolution was introduced granting the directors power to sell their shares in the company on condition that par value was paid for \$37,000 worth, representing cash and property turned into the company by the minority. If the directors agreed to this proposition they were to have 90 days to turn the property of the coal company over to a syndicate said to be negotiating with the directors for it. If more time was needed, 90 days extension would be granted. The directors were not quite satisfied with the demand made by Chinook stockholders, and they tried to make easier terms. Our stockholders were in \$3800 hard cash, and they meant business, and through their attorney made an immediate demand for a statement of the financial condition of the company. The officers balked when this demand was made through A. M. Smith, attorney for the Chinook stockholders, and as there had been no meeting of the stockholders since the latter had put up their money a statement was in order. The officers had to give way, and the astonishing revelation was made that the company had cash on hand to the amount of \$102. The minutes of directors' meetings were read, and disclosed what is printed above regarding the manipulation of stock and purchase of the coal lands. After a lively meeting in which the cash minority had to draw the directors and paper majority stockholders down to the bull ring, it was agreed that the deal to sell should be consummated within 90 days, and if not fully accomplished within that time, that an extension of 90 days more should be accorded the promoters to dispose of the coal fields. If anything should happen that the coal lands are not disposed of within that time, it is probable that legal proceedings will be taken by the indignant stockholders to uncover all transactions of the directors and condition of the company, with a view of throwing it into court and winding up its affairs.

SEASIDE NEWS.

Interesting Items from Oregon's Popular Summer Resort.

Seaside, Ore., Jan. 3.

The saw mill started up last Monday and the box factory and sash and door factory are running on full time. There is plenty of logs in the boom to keep the mill running for some time.

Chicken thieves are numerous, and several hen roosts have been robbed. Several funerals are predicted unless the perpetrators go out of the chicken raising business.

There are 42 guests at the Hotel Moore, mostly from Portland. The new additions to the hotel are in process of construction and will be completed in about 60 days.

The lumber for the large addition to the Colonial hotel has arrived and work will be commenced in a few days. Eighty new rooms will be added to the hotel.

C. W. Knowles and wife of Portland spent a few days at Seaside this week. The first regular meeting of the common council will be held Friday night. The report of the recorder and treasurer will be rendered, and an ordinance passed fixing the salary of the

marshal at \$60 per month instead of \$85 as at present.

Mayor Johansen announced at the council meeting Monday that under no circumstances would gambling be permitted in Seaside during his administration.

I. N. Felschner of Portland is building a \$3000 cottage in Hermosa Park.

MIDDIES TALE.

The Japs Only Got a Debris Strewn Desert.

Chefoo, Jan. 3 (Noon).—The fort where the negotiations for the surrender of Port Arthur were held is called the Big Eagle's Nest and it is near Rihlung mountain.

According to the reports of the negotiations received here, General Stoessel's proposal that the Russian sick and wounded should remain under Russian medical supervision, and that the Japanese transfer the non-combatants, was acceptable to General Nogi, but the Russian proposal that the Russians should march out under arms caused some controversy.

Midshipman Klisorich, commanding a launch which left Port Arthur at 8 o'clock last night said, today:

"No shot has been fired at Port Arthur for two days. That which the Chinese heard last night was the Russians blowing up forts, ships, magazines, warehouses, docks, and everything valuable.

"When I left Port Arthur the fortress and town was almost completely wrecked. The warships died hard. Several explosions were necessary to complete the wrecking of them. The Sevastopol, after catching fire, exploded and turned turtle. The harbor entrance is blocked with sunken ships. The only navigable craft now at Port Arthur are the hospital ships Kassar and Mongolia.

"You need expect no more ships from Port Arthur as they are unable to leave on account of the blocking of the harbor.

Colonel Bliss represented General Stoessel in the negotiations for surrender. A table was set with wine and food at the Eagle's Nest and the envoys treated each other with great courtesy which quickly melted into informal good fellowship. Each complimented the other on the bravery of their forces.

"The statement that there remained 5000 fighting men at Port Arthur is misleading because of a majority of these half are sick or slightly wounded. There has been for some time no proper bandages and wounds have been dressed with hemp," said Midshipman Klisorich. "The news that General Stoessel was prepared to treat for surrender was received by the soldiers with the feelings of utmost relief. For the past month severe wounds have been gladly received by the soldiers because they were allowed to rest. When the men were not fighting they were tunnelling on half rations.

"The bombardment of the last day or so was terrific. Everybody remarked that even General Stoessel must see the futility of further resistance when our guns are unable to reply.

"We might have surrendered a month ago with the highest honor. That resistance has continued effectively since is scarcely less than a miracle.

"It is a mere handful of broken men who surrendered and a debris strewn desert was the Japanese gain.

"Not one of Port Arthur's magnificent public works remain. Stoessel took the welcome step was generally one of relief.

"The soldiers for whom one month's service has counted as one year are rejoicing because they will soon see their families."

PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Throws 800 Men Out of Work and Kills One.

Pittsburg, Jan. 3.—A 50-ton fly wheel in the National Tube Work Company's plant at McKeesport burst and completely wrecked the continuous mill early today. One man was killed outright and four were seriously injured.

The loss to the plant will reach \$100,000.

Eight hundred men will be thrown out of employment for a month.

Beautiful Prop Broken.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—Mrs. aPitrick Campbell, the English actress, fractured her knee cap tonight, as the result of a fall while entering her carriage. It may be months before she will be able to work. The remainder of her American tour has been abandoned.

\$10 REWARD

We shall give \$10.00 in gold as a first prize, and \$5.00 as a second prize, to the boy or girl under eighteen years of age writing the best poem of two or more verses, using the MONARCH RANGE as subject of the poem. All poems to be handed in before 6 P. M. on February 16, 1905

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UNPRECEDENTED

THE Success of Tuesday's Mammoth Embroidery sale was stupendous and overwhelming. Nothing like it was ever before seen in Astoria.

Enthusiastic bargain seekers crowded the doors, swarmed the aisles and jammed the passage ways until the standing room only sign was torn from its hinges, but it was a good natured crowd, and every bargain seeker was a bargain finder. A traveling man remarked that he had seen such mad crowds at Gimbles, Seigles, Coopers, Marshall Fields and a few other large eastern department stores, but he had never expected to witness anything of the kind in Astoria. Well! There is a reason for it. The people have learned that **this Store's advertising is accurate, it's bargains real**, and that it never trifles or juggles with the public. A dependable store that possesses the public's confidence.

Yesterday's bargain news holds good today, with the following additional.

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\$1.50 to \$15.00

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES

Notwithstanding the tremendous rush for embroideries and laces yesterday, there is still quite a few nice patterns left for your choosing, any piece of embroidery on the bargain table at

10c. per yard

Torchon and Medicion Laces at 5c per yard.

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HILL WINS.

Northern Securities Defeats the Harriman Interests.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—The United States court of appeals for the Third judicial district, in an opinion filed here today, reverses a decision of the New Jersey circuit court, which restrained the Northern Securities Company from distributing certain stock of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. The decision is a defeat for the interest represented by E. H. Harriman.

By a decree of the New Jersey court, the Northern Securities Company was restrained from disposing of 370,320 shares of the common stock of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, alleged to have been received from E. H. Harriman and Winslow S. Pierce, and of 347,090 shares of the common stock of the Northern Pacific Railway Company from the Northern Pacific Company.

Today's decision gives the Northern Securities Company the right to dispose of the stock. Harriman and Pierce when the Northern Securities Company had been declared by the United States supreme court to be an illegal combination demanded the return of the original stock they had contributed at the time of the organization of the combination. The Northern Securities Company, it was claimed, intended to make a pro rata distribution of the stock of the contributing company. The opinion was written by Judge Dallas. After reviewing the organization of the combination and subsequent history, the decision says:

"Harriman averred that the shares of railway stock in question were acquired by the Securities Company; that it held them as custodian, depository, or trustee, and that the owners of the said shares were the parties who originally exchanged the same for stock in the Northern Securities Company.

"The Northern Securities Company claimed that it acquired the stock by purchase and that it owns the stock outright."

TROUBLE IS OVER.

Portland Printers Will Be Good One More Year.

Portland, Jan. 3.—Present danger of trouble between the Franklin Association and the local Typographical union is at an end, and the work during 1905 will be done for the same scale of wages and at the same number of hours a day. In 1906 the International Typographical Union will insist on an eight-hour day everywhere in the United States, and in view of that fact and the fact that the pressmen and

bookbinders had agreed to work their regular number of hours a day during 1905, local Typographical union decided to let the matter rest another year.

The scale now calls for an eight-hour day at \$19.20 a week. The first demand of the Typographical union was an eight-hour day at \$21 a week, and this was refused. Negotiations were immediately started to amicably settle the difference between the association and the printers. The association yielded to the first proposition with a proposition for a nine-hour day at \$21.60 a week. Later this was modified to 8½ hours, but this was refused by the printers. The upshot of the matter was the decision of the printers to let things remain as they are until 1906.

The reason assigned for the nine-hour day by the association was the fact that eastern firms were employing men nine hours and were in keen competition with Portland firms in their own territory. The eastern firms, by virtue of the nine-hour day, were able to turn out as much work with a comparatively smaller operating force than the western firms, and hence could afford to lower their prices.

FORCES GATHER.

Fray in Colorado Legislature Comes Off Today.

Denver, Jan. 3.—At noon tomorrow the legislature, which will settle the gubernatorial contest between Peabody and Adams will be called to order. It is expected all of tomorrow's session will be required for the work of organization and no action with a direct bearing on the governorship will be taken. If anything is done beyond organization, it will be a settlement of some of the contests, of which there are a number, both in the senate and the house.

It is practically certain that the first thing to be done by the senate will be the unseating of several of the Democratic senators.

Teddy Pays Debt.

New York, Jan. 3.—To fulfil a six-year-old promise, made while he was governor of New York state, President Roosevelt will be announced the principal guest February 14 at the annual dinner of the Hungarian Republican Club. Three hundred members of the club and their friends are now busy preparing to give him a typical Magyar reception and banquet, many of the vlands for which will be especially imported.

It is said the promise to attend another dinner of the club when he should have been elected president was obtained from Governor Roosevelt six years ago in a jest by the president of the club.

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